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SUBJ: SEC VISIT LA: PRESS REPORT

1. " ESTADO DE SAO PAULO" OF MAY 11 CARRIED FRONT- PAGE, FIRST COLUMN, STORY STATING THAT " POSSIBILITY OF MEETING IS NOT EXCLUDED BETWEEN AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE WILLIAM ROGERS AND OPPOSITION LEADERS AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHURCH DURING HIS STAY IN BRAZIL FROM 19 TO 23 OF THIS MONTH, INFORMED WASHINGTON YESTERDAY. THE SOURCES REVEALED THAT ROGERS WILL NOT SEEK THE BRAZILIAN OPPOSITION LEADERS BUT WILL RECEIVE THEM IF HE IS SOUGHT. ROGERS' ADVISORS BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT THAT SUCH MEETINGS IF THEY WERE TO BE REALIZED SHOULD HAVE THE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE AUTHORITIES OF BRASILIA IN ORDER TO AVOID EVENTUAL CONFLICTS...."

2. ESSENTIALLY SAME STORY CARRIED BY " DIARIO DE BRASILIA" ATTRIBUTED TO " HIGH AMERICAN FUNCTIONARY."

3. " JORNAL DO BRASIL" ON OTHER HAND CARRIED STORY STATING " SOURCES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AFFIRMED YESTERDAY THAT WILLIAM ROGERS WILL NOT MEET IN BRAZIL WITH LEADERS OF OPPOSITION. THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS TO NEGOTIATE WITH THE GOVERNMENT IN POWER AND NOT TO MEET WITH LEADERS OF THE OPPOSITION THESE SOURCES

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STATED THAT THEY CONSIDERED " HIGHLY IMPROPER" THAT A

SECRETARY OF STATE SHOULD MEET WITH LEADERS OF THE OPPOSITION
IN ANY PLACE PARTICULARLY IN BRAZIL WHERE ROGERS IS THE
GUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT OF BRASILIA. THE SOURCES ADDED
THAT IF A REQUEST OF THIS NATURE SHOULD BE MADE IT WOULD
BE TAKEN UNDER ADVISE MENT BUT WITHOUT ANTICIPATING FOR IT
AN AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE... "
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